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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 22
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-21-12**

The **Inner Ugak Bay Section** of the **Eastside Kodiak District** will be **extended** for **72 hours** from **9:00 p.m. Thursday July 5 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday July 8.**

Closed waters are **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8** at **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) **Hearst Creek**, (stream # 259-414) and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream, for both subsistence and commercial salmon fishing.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday July 8** in the following areas:

- The **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections will remain closed);
- The **Uyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Terror Bay, Sharatin Bay, and Anton Larsen Bay** sections of the Northwest Kodiak District, (the Kizhuyak Section will remain closed);
- The **Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak** sections of the Afognak District;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and,
- The **Northeast Kodiak District.**

The following areas currently open until further notice will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Sunday July 8:**

- The **Central and North Cape** sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and,
- The **Southwest Afognak Section** of the Afognak District.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

As Previously Announced:

The following sections of the **Alitak District** will **close** at the following dates and times:

- The **Olga Bay Section** at **9:00 a.m. Friday, July 6;**
- The **Moser Bay Section** at **3:00 p.m. Friday, July 6;**
- The **Alitak Bay Section** at **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 6;** and,
- The **Cape Alitak** and **Humpy-Deadman** sections at **9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7.**

The following areas will remain **open until further notice:**

- The **Outer Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;**
- The **Southeast Afognak, and Duck Bay** sections of the **Afognak District;**
- That portion of the **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.);
- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area;** and
- The **Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.**

In that **portion of the Northwest and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear, until further notice** in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821);
- In **Afognak Bay** (for both commercial and subsistence salmon fishing) to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of Afognak River (stream #252-342).

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.